

REGULAR MEETING – MARION COMMON COUNCIL – MARCH 3, 2020 – 7:00 P.M., CITY HALL

The Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana met in regular session on Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, 2020 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

Council President Deb Cain said she wanted to remind the Council members to make sure that they turn on their mike when they're asking questions because they are now recording the meetings and then sending it to the radio and they are putting it on podcast so that way everyone can hear that when they look at the podcast on the radio. So just make sure they do that. She's already been informed by Jim Brunner that that's one thing she has to do.

On the call of the roll the following members were shown to be absent or present as follows:

Present: Cowgill, Fouce, Fordyce, Cline, Henderson, Batchelor, Luzadder and Cain.

Absent: Brunner.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of February 18, 2020 were presented. On a motion by Councilman Brad Luzadder, 2nd by Councilman Steve Henderson, the minutes were approved as presented by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Council President Deb Cain said she has an email from Mr. Brunner who is not able to be here tonight. He said that the Marion Park Board met Monday to go over their Master Park Plan. They want people to know with the spring arriving in just over two weeks, the Splash House will again be getting a big financial backing from the city. They are also looking to update their basketball courts in their parks. They hope they plan on using their 14 different parks this year so whether it's a walk down the Riverwalk or getting your children involved in any one of their numerous programs, they hope they can enjoy the City of Marion parks in 2020.

Councilman Don Batchelor said Mr. Luzadder has a report from the Development Committee. Councilman Brad Luzadder said the Development Committee met this evening. All the committee members were present. They were looking at Advanced Cabinet. Whitney Pyle presented to them tonight as well as Mr. Eckerle. They've been in business for over 45 years. They are looking to update equipment with an increase of \$175,000 in jobs and four jobs being represented, being conservatively, and Ms. Pyle was very positive about that. It's an amendment to a tax abatement. The personal property, they'd be looking at \$945,000 but it's currently paying taxes and would continue to pay taxes and would be doing that in increments. It was favorably by the committee, Mr. Cline made the motion and so they are bringing it to the full Council for first reading and that will be placed upon to the April 7th agenda. They're going to be out of town for the next Council meeting and so they've asked for first reading to be on April 7th, Luzadder said.

Councilman Mike Cline said, just a heads up. Compliance Committee has a meeting scheduled for 6:15 p.m. on March 17th to talk about residential tax abatement. Janet Pearson and Brian Smith will be here to talk about that. And just one other thing, everybody's going to be getting census stuff in the next couple of weeks. Actual Census Day is April 1st. He doesn't know if there's a connection between April Fool's Day and that or not but census determines not only our representation in Congress but also how much federal funding we get over the next 10 years, this is not a short term thing, for programs, social services, libraries, public works, roads, healthcare, education. It influences business decisions and government planning. And your information is confidential. It won't be shared, well it can't be shared. You don't have to be a citizen, you don't have to be a homeowner, you don't have to have a residence. You don't have to be (inaudible). You just need to be counted. It's easy, it's simple. So next couple of weeks, they're going to see the census stuff and please fill it out, Cline said.

Councilman Brad Luzadder reported that the Utility Board met after their meeting on Thursday two weeks ago and their project is going very smoothly with their floor upgrade. They have talked about a great new recycling program that's going to be outlaid, that's going to walk in succession with the county. They're going to be open on days which the county is not. So it's going to benefit us there. They've actually, he talked about part time employees by actually using some of the county workers that work the recycling system now so that they already are trained and know how in which to do it. It's extremely important because recycling right now costs us \$750/ton where regular garbage costs us

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\$125/ton. So, major. So, the blue trash bags that people are using, sometimes being abused by not washing stuff out, it taints everything and then it goes, when it gets to those recycling places, they knock it out. So we're paying premium price up in front for and so it's very important in which we start to try to control that. And he spoke to Madam President about having Mr. Binkerd come again and reiterate that. He knows that he spoke at the State of the City and if they haven't seen that, it is available on the Marion YouTube page and they can watch it. It's about an hour and 30 minutes but great information for their citizens and it doesn't cost anything in which to go out and do so. Mr. Binkerd did speak there but he thinks it would also (inaudible) here at the Council meeting for the citizens as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 2-2020 3RD READING

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana annexing certain real estate to the City of Marion, Indiana, establishing the zoning of the same and matters pertaining thereto. Council President Deb Cain told the Council they are not hearing 2-2020, 3rd reading. This will be moved to the next Council meeting.

Council President Cain told the Council they will hear Resolution 2-2020, which is the fiscal plan for the property on Meridian and Adams because they need to approve that before they look at the annexation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2020

The City Clerk read Resolution No. 2-2020 by title only, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Marion adopting Fiscal Plan for General Ordinance No. 3-2020, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana regarding a request for voluntary annexation of certain real property into the City of Marion, Indiana. Zeke Turner asked, what would they like him to say on the resolution piece? He asked Phil Stephenson, Council attorney, if he had anything to add? A gentleman from the audience asked Mr. Turner if he could speak up. Turner said he's Zeke Turner with Veta Investment Holdings and they're proposing the annexation piece for the, the other matter before the Council. This is the resolution though. Mr. Stephenson told the Council, might he say, if they have questions about the fiscal plan, those should probably be directed at him. If they're about the annexation request, obviously those should be directed to Mr. Turner. The fiscal plan that was presented to them essentially doesn't require anything additional. It primarily provides that we would provide them police protection and fire protection as it now exists. They would provide them water and sewage. There is water and sewage on Adams Street. There is no water and sewage on Meridian Street. So any hook up would have to come off of Adams, which he presumes is acceptable. Turner said it is. Stephenson said, and of course trash pick-up would be available. So essentially the same city services offered to everyone else would be offered to that property in this annexation but there is no guarantees of anything above and beyond that. Councilman Don Batchelor asked Mr. Stephenson, on this annexation, what district would this fall in because the initial ordinance states it would be connected with Ward 5 and (inaudible) it says 6. So, they passed the ordinance, recognizing that it was part of Ward 5 so how do they make this change, because he noticed it has a Meridian Street address, 4120 S. Meridian Street, and then as they go back through here, it says "and South Adams Street". So, how are they going to be in two districts, Batchelor asked. Mr. Stephenson told Batchelor, well he thinks he brought him that map this evening on how the wards are laid out. This one essentially touches on two. Six, he thinks, is off of Adams Street, five is off of Meridian Street. He agrees that they need to be consistent so they have to amend one or the other but that's really up to the Council whether they put this in five and/or six. Council President Deb Cain asked, what will the official address be? Mr. Turner told Cain he doesn't think they've established that yet. Cain said, okay so when that official address is established then that's when, they'll come back and amend the annexation. Stephenson stated, they can amend it but they've got, if they're going to approve a fiscal plan, that fiscal plan has to determine where it's falling into, even though obviously it doesn't matter because there's nobody living there. But they've got to do it, if they want to amend that later, they can always do that but at the time being, they've got to decide which one they want to place it in. Cain asked Mr. Batchelor, is he okay, since it's not, the address hasn't been established, to leave it the way it is and then come back and amend it when the address is established? Batchelor told Cain, he doesn't have a problem with that but how do they move forward, even this evening on this, (inaudible) whether it's going to be in five or six, before they come back for the amendment? He means, if that's requested. Mrs.

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Cain stated, well it's in the fiscal plan.... Stephenson said, the fiscal plan he thinks, Mrs. President, it's in six. What Mr. Batchelor's referring to is the ordinance itself, which is in five. And so, they just need to amend one of those. He doesn't care, obviously, which one they do, just so they're consistent. Council President Cain said, okay, okay, she misunderstood. So they can amend the fiscal plan then. Councilwoman Robin Fouce said, maybe just saying that they want to amend the fiscal plan to District 5? Cain said, so, they have to make that motion. Stephenson told the Council he brought another fiscal plan tonight with the 5, which he's given to the Clerk's Office. But yeah, he would agree that since the one they've seen says 6, before they pass the fiscal plan, his suggestion would be they do an amendment to change 6 to 5 and vote on that and then they can vote on the fiscal plan, assuming that's what they want to do. Cain said she would take a motion. Councilman Brian Cowgill said he would make a motion. Councilwoman Fouce said she would second the motion. Councilman Brad Luzadder asked for a clarification on the amendment. Mrs. Kiley? Mrs. Cain told Luzadder, (inaudible) the fiscal plan from District 6 to District 5. Luzadder stated, so for the audience that's trying to hear, they are amending the ordinance tonight, moving it from 6 to 5. He knows they've got some hard hearing so he'll be glad to try to help. Motion to amend then carried by the following vote. Aye: Cowgill, Fouce, Fordyce, Cline, Henderson, Batchelor, Luzadder and Cain. Nay: None. Cain then said she'll accept a motion to accept the fiscal plan. Councilman Batchelor said, so moved. Councilman Cowgill gave the second and motion carried by the following vote. Aye: Cowgill, Fouce, Fordyce, Cline, Henderson, Batchelor, Luzadder and Cain. Nay: None.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 3-2020 3RD READING

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Marion, Indiana regarding a request for voluntary annexation of certain real property into the City of Marion, Grant County, Indiana. Council President Deb Cain told the Council now they'll look at the annexation and this is the 3rd reading. They've already had time to ask their questions and they've already had two meetings on this. She'll take a motion to accept the annexation. Councilman Brian Cowgill said he would make a motion to accept the annexation as is. Motion was seconded by Councilman Mike Cline and carried by the following vote. Aye: Cowgill, Fouce, Fordyce, Cline, Henderson, Batchelor, Luzadder and Cain. Nay: None. Cain thanked Mr. Turner for their investment.

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 4-2020 2ND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The City Clerk read General Ordinance No. 4-2020 by title only, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 44-1977 Schedule V. Weight Limit Restrictions adding Lenfesty Ave. to the existing established list of Truck Routes allowed within the City Limits. Mike Graft, City Engineer, told the Council this is pretty self-explanatory. Most of them have already kind of been involved with the previous business that had looked at that area. Again, the Traffic Commission gives a favorable recommendation. The Engineering Department did a core on the street, the street is fine. They will put up signage that's applicable for this particular area. And again, they will always have the opportunity that if this business goes away and another one comes in, they can revisit this if they want to take it away. That's always under their purview. So, if they've got any questions, he will entertain those and listen to the audience and go from there, Graft said. Council President Deb Cain said, okay then they'll hear from the public. Anyone that would like to come up to speak about the truck route on Lenfesty, when they come up, please give their name and address and, if they'd leave it to three minutes, she'd appreciate it. Tim Eckerle with the Growth Council told the Council he just would ask that they suspend the rules and pass it on 2nd reading please. Being no further comments from the audience, motion was made by Councilman Brian Cowgill to suspend the rules on General Ordinance No. 4-2020. Motion was seconded by Councilman Mike Cline and carried by the following vote. Aye: Cowgill, Fouce, Fordyce, Cline, Henderson, Batchelor, Luzadder and Cain. Nay: None. Motion was then made by Cowgill to pass General Ordinance No. 4-2020. Motion was seconded by Councilman Don Batchelor and carried by the following vote. Aye: Cowgill, Fouce, Fordyce, Cline, Henderson, Batchelor, Luzadder and Cain. Nay: None.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 5-2020 1ST READING

The City Clerk read General Ordinance No. 5-2020 by title only, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 13-2019, an Ordinance fixing maximum salaries of appointed officers and employees; and annual payment of Flex Dollars (\$250.00) to non-contractual full time employees of the City of Marion, Indiana for the year 2020. Julie Flores, City Controller, told the Council the salary ordinance for 2020 did not include the part-time Park Secretary or part-time Street Department workers for the summer. It was included in the budget, however, they did not include it in the salary ordinance so this ordinance would just add that. She'll entertain any questions they may have. Council President Deb Cain told Flores she indicated it was already in the budget so it's just having to move it to be able to pay them, in the salaries. Flores told Cain, right, there's nothing that says they can pay them. Councilman Don Batchelor asked, so it's just those two? Flores told Batchelor, yes. Mrs. Cain said, seeing no further questions, she'll take a motion. Councilwoman Robin Fouce said, so moved. Motion was seconded by Councilmen Batchelor and Fordyce. City Clerk Kathleen Kiley asked, who was the second? Deputy Clerk Debbie Goodman asked, what was the motion? Mrs. Kiley asked, is the motion to pass to 2nd and public hearing? She was told that is correct. Mrs. Flores said she thinks this can be passed in one reading. Is she correct? Cain said she was going to ask if they could do this in one reading. Flores said it's not real urgent because she doesn't think they're going to hire until summer but she thinks they can go ahead and pass it. Cain then said, okay, she will take a motion to suspend the rules. Councilman Gary Fordyce said he would make a motion to suspend the rules. Councilman Cline said, question. If they suspend the rules and do this, does that preclude a public hearing? He was told yes. Cline asked, why would they want to preclude a public hearing? Sorry Julie, he just has to ask that. Flores told Cline she doesn't think it requires a public hearing. They're just amending. The budget's already been approved so there's just nothing that says they can pay them. She has never had a public hearing for these types of ordinances before. Council attorney Phil Stephenson said they always have the right to have a public hearing whenever they want. This one, however, is not required by statute. Cain said, yeah because it's already in the budget. Motion to suspend the rules was seconded by Cline and carried by the following vote. Aye: Cowgill, Fouce, Fordyce, Cline, Henderson, Batchelor, Luzadder and Cain. Nay: None. Motion was then made by Fordyce, 2nd by Fouce to pass General Ordinance No. 5-2020 in its entirety and carried by the following vote. Aye: Cowgill, Fouce, Fordyce, Cline, Henderson, Batchelor, Luzadder and Cain. Nay: None. Mrs. Flores told the Council, if she could just piggyback on what Councilman Cline said, not only does the census help with federal dollars, it does help with state dollars as well. A portion of our revenues are calculated on our population so she would encourage everyone to fill out the census. Cain stated, yes, the census is very important.

Council President Deb Cain said, okay, they are ready to hear from Ms. Johnson and she also wanted to welcome all the neighborhood presidents that have attended tonight's meeting. It's very nice to see them here tonight and she knows that Ms. Johnson is nervous. She told Johnson, just take a deep breath, she's going to do great. Councilman Brian Cowgill said, Madam President, also, he would just like to add he worked with Kayla before he was a Councilman on the neighborhood associations. She does a phenomenal job and the packet that she put together for them is one of the best packets he's seen, very informative, very professional. He just loves how she laid it out. She did a great job with that. Neighborhood Association Coordinator Kayla Johnson told the Council, well as they can see, she brought her Science Fair Project up there so she'll get into that in a minute but just wanted to say thank you first for allowing her to come and share about neighborhood associations to them, the Council members. Welcome to the team. She knows a lot of them are new so it's great to have them on board and thank you, Madam President, for allowing her to come and speak. She really firmly believes in her job. She really enjoys it. As they saw in her letter, she thinks she gets to work with some of our, one of our greatest assets in this community, which is our people. She really enjoys it. She thinks there are times where neighborhood meetings can get very gritty into the details of complaints and concerns but the leaders that are here, they're very passionate about their area and they're full of courage, positivity and grit and she thinks that they are very good at what they do in working with us to build and maintain welcoming neighborhoods. So, she'd like for them to stand. If they're part of a neighborhood association, if they lead a neighborhood association, if they could please stand. She wished they had like a stipend to give these folks because they are all really intelligent individuals and they commit a lot of time to really doing some of the grassroots work that you guys (Council) are doing but just communicating with their neighbors, communicating with you guys, communicating with people that work in this building. So, she's really grateful for them being here. So, as they saw in their packet, she'll try to keep it brief.

She gave this little talk earlier today and it ended up being like 15 minutes so she's going to try to keep it to like about eight minutes so then she can give them room for questions and then leave it be. So, as they can see on her little Science Fair Project, that large map there, they had one of these in their packet but she knows it's kind of hard to zoom in, both of those, the large map and the list of leaders, those are available on the city website. If you do just cityofmarion.in.gov/neighborhoods, you can find those resources like at the click of a button on your phone. So, this is the one that she keeps in her office and the blue dots there, there are about 15 of them, those she considers active neighborhood associations. They have sustainable leadership. They have goals towards our vision of building, maintaining safe and welcoming neighborhoods. Then there's about five yellow dots and those are groups that have formed, they have goals and they're developing leadership and they're focusing more on those goals. And then the red dots that are on there, she calls those dormant neighborhoods but she's had leads in those areas where basically people have reached out to her over the winter or maybe at the very end of the fall and she's been trying to pace herself because she tries not to do more than four at a time that she's leading because she's still working with those 15 other dots. So, yeah, so she's trying to work her way into have a whole map of blue dots. And then there's also areas that are just black on the map that don't really have any representation of a neighborhood association. So those are things that she really, she's passionate to try to find people and find groups to get together in their neighborhood to work with us. So yeah, let her know what questions they have at the end and she'll just keep moving. Also in their packet there was a large map that was an overlay of the police sub-beats. She gives out monthly statistics of the police calls for service and then they'll see the little statistics that she graphed out. Her intern is really good with statistics and so he graphed out 2018 and 2019 comparisons for the neighborhood associations that are active and so within those neighborhood associations, there's basically, for calls for service, he saw a decrease from 2018 to 2019, a decrease in calls for service for all the areas that have an active neighborhood association by 2%. So she knows it's not a lot but she's interested to keep kind of tracking those statistics, working with the Police Department. Her intern wants to look into comparing the calls for service to areas that don't have a neighborhood association and kind of see if the numbers, if those numbers vary and just talk to the Police Department about what can be done to maybe help them, help their job, make their job easier. So yeah, so bear with her. They'll keep probably sending them graphs as he continues on that work. And then, throughout their packet, they'll see the handouts that they created for 2019's National Night Out, which some of those little handouts have specific accomplishments that each neighborhood association achieved in 2019. The last like month, basically two months, she's been going through with each of the leaders and some of the groups that she's still leading and developing their 2020 goals and getting more specific about what they'd like to accomplish this year. She's a runner and so she likes thinking of like a finish line and where we're headed and then the mile markers that you have to hit to be able to achieve a certain distance and so that's kind of how she's working with the neighborhoods and trying to think about her role as their coach. So she's trying to be more strategic about those goals and get us to some measurable goals that they can kind of see the results of and see the path that's required as they go. So, yeah, she's willing to facilitate meetings with you guys as Ward candidates, with their neighborhood associations. They're welcome to reach out to them on their own as well. But she'll send those specific goals since those are all kind of typed out and everything. And then, continuing on in their packet, the 2019 and 2020 accomplishments, she just wants to take a minute to kind of talk about some of the top ones that she's really proud of for this group. Again, when she first started this role, the neighborhood associations were kind of ebbing and flowing. There were about nine that were active. They have about 19 that are active now, and again, she's already defined the different statuses. There's around 19 in total that are active so about 23 on the wings that are becoming active. She's proud to have accomplished that as a group, getting people together in their area and getting some stable leadership going. But there's still a lot of work to be done in that. For clean up, they had kind of some clean up goals. They cleared 15 dumpsters of debris throughout their summer cleanups and then there were about five or six neighborhoods that don't necessarily need a dumpster for a cleanup but they had like a yardwaste weekend that they cleaned up and then she informed Citywide Maintenance that that area was cleaning stuff up and so they went through and got the bags and whatnot afterwards. Also through those cleanups, they created something that they'll see later in the packet, a resource she calls a door hanger and it looks like this and so this resource is used for a couple of different things, one, just educating neighbors about the different departments and reasons why they would need to call them, educating a neighbor about the neighborhood association that they have in their area and when they meet and then, one of the biggest things for cleanups is, at the bottom, they highlight to neighbors that there's a large item, the service that

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Marion Utilities provides where you can get one large item picked up for free once a month as long as you call it in. A lot of people don't know that they need to call it in so neighbors are using these, she gets like thousands of these printed and handed out to the neighborhood leaders and they're going door to door, like when they see a couch sitting near the street for at least a week then they knock on the door, tell them they have to call that in. If it hasn't been called in within a week, the Utilities are also working with neighborhood associations to help get those cleaned up. So, yeah, that's a great resource that they developed this year that she's really proud of. There's been a lot of community building and communication that's happened. Neighbors, she feels like, are a lot more, they're more willing to call City Hall for something and they're getting answers and getting responses. It's not perfect yet and that's a goal to continue to increase communication in this year and the coming year. But she's really proud about the communication that is happening. The community building that's happening through like National Night Out, the block parties, picnics, rummages, decorating a float for the Christmas parade, those kind of things she thinks are just important to build and maintain a welcoming community and so she thinks our neighbors are doing a really good job with that. And then last for 2019 accomplishments that she wanted to highlight was some of the grants that have been written. Euclid neighborhood wrote a grant and they were able to plant she believes it was 19 total trees in the boulevard, like the center area of Euclid Avenue. They only lost one tree this summer but they worked with the Park Department and Citywide Maintenance to plant those trees. They won about a \$4,000 grant to get the trees and then neighbors watered them all summer to make sure that they actually took. And then Garfield neighborhood also applied for a Community Foundation grant and though they didn't win it this last round, they're reapplying for getting banners for Garfield neighborhood but, in the last round, the networking that occurred to get some match dollars through the church and a local business, they were able to basically get two benches donated and so they can see a little bit more of those details and she can give them more info on that later. Yeah, so it was a good year for 2019 and 2018 was good too but she didn't list all of that out. So for 2020, a couple of things that they're really excited about, continuing to educate ourselves and our neighbors about resources that are available to help us find solutions and if we don't see a solution, these neighborhood leaders are really intelligent to network together and find some kind of resource, kind of like those door hangers, that they can help overcome some different things. So, yeah, so to continue to network and find solutions and educate ourselves. She's really excited to create a network of volunteers to help with different neighbors that have like Code Enforcement violations or property violations. She's been attending court and just kind of learning about just the different areas within our city, like the stories that go through our court system and her goal is to get networks of churches that understand that system a little bit better. It's public information. Anybody could go to court and see that somebody's been given 30 days to overcome an issue and they can hear the story of what's going on. So her goal is to try to get some networks created to be able to just get these problems solved a little bit quicker and get them out of the court system. So, that's still kind of up in the air with figuring out that solution but that's something that she'd love to have their input into and just, as they continue to work together to overcome things going on in our neighborhoods. Another thing, there's like three different programs that they've been working on, like Touch Every Door, just trying to make sure everybody knows that there's a neighborhood association active in their area. The Bright Spot Award, celebrating those that are really working to maintain a welcoming neighborhood by maintaining their own property and just highlighting them. And then Project 365 where they try to respond to a lack of lighting and just get porch lights turned on and get houses properly labeled with numbers. So she can go into detail more about that as they go. But, yeah, that's some of the main goals for 2020 and she thinks that's about it. Yeah, she could keep talking forever about neighborhoods. She thinks that they're a great resource within our community and she's just really grateful for the team that came out this evening. And questions or comments she guessed, Johnson said. Councilman Mike Cline asked Johnson, did any of her neighborhood association folks have stuff they wanted to share with them? Council President Deb Cain told Johnson, she's sorry, go ahead. She was just asking the sir in the audience to sit down please until they're done. Ms. Johnson asked, did any of the leaders want to come up, if they wanted to speak? They don't need to. No pressure. Councilman Brian Cowgill said he would like to commend each one of the neighborhood association leaders. He's a true believer that we have to take back our own streets, our own neighborhoods. Well, they can see it says crime is down 30%. He's a big believer of that. Since he's At-Large, he will work with each and every one of them. He encourages them to get a hold of him. He'll be there to help. Let's clean up, let's do whatever we have to do because he thinks that's what they're going to have to do to get Marion back the way it was 30 years ago when he was a kid. So, he's more than happy to help out and he's excited to see everybody here and involved, Cowgill

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said. Councilwoman Robin Fouce said she too wants to thank the community, HOPE, the other areas. She wants to thank all of them for what they do to make Marion a better place. It's important and imperative that they work together to change our climate, primarily that our kids are growing up in and that our elderly are living in. They deserve the best. They've built this city and we need to maintain it and so she full-heartedly appreciates her (Johnson) efforts. One of the things that she enjoyed most about campaigning was the food at the neighborhood association meetings. No, she really enjoyed just meeting the people and seeing their heart for serving Marion so thank you so much and keep up the good work and let's grow this process, Fouce said. Council President Cain said, okay, they'll hear from their newest neighborhood association. Dave Gault told the Council he's Brinker Heights Neighborhood Association President and he just wanted to say thank you so much for your (Johnson) tenacity and hard work. She's got a drive in her that he thinks everybody's starting to feed off of. Driving around his neighborhood, he's noticing, today was a pretty nice day and the kids are out in the neighborhoods so it just inspires him even more to get more involved, to get more of the neighbors involved, to make sure that we have a safe neighborhood for our children. So he just wanted to say thank you so much, Gault said. Tammy Filburn (sp?) told the Council she's in the Harry Cramer Neighborhood Association, she's Vice-President and they've been working on some goals. They're working on a park and a community garden so they're working on getting property from the city for that. And they're working diligently to make sure they touch every door. Last year after those handouts came out, they got about halfway through so they are going to make sure they hit every door this year. They're planning their fall clean up, another block party. They want to put up some signage. They want to make it look nice. They want to put like a nice sign with flowers around it on the different corners starting with one and then the other, doing the Project 365. And they want to thank Kayla too. She does an awesome job. Councilman Cline said, Madam President, may I? She mentioned community gardens. Their neighborhood association doesn't have a community garden so they get to use the one at Bend of the River and community gardens are a great thing. They grow stuff, yeah, but they build community so if you've got a way to do a community garden in your association.... Councilman Brad Luzadder said they had a great time there in the Harry Cramer area. It was neat. He thinks there were four of them there that, actually five of them there. He enjoyed cooking hamburgers and hot dogs there that night and they appreciated the invitation. They're willing to come to any of the areas. He believes Ms. Fouce said food and as a chef, that normally gets him in the door. They appreciate that and they will take those invitations. Joan Bowman, Center City Neighborhood Association and Flinn, told the Council she has been in this business for over 20 years. She enjoys it and she wished they could get more people to participate and come out. It's kind of hard when they are getting older and the young ones don't want to come in with them. They would let them take over and they can sit back and let them do what they want to do. And Kayla, she is a doll. She is a doll. She has really enjoyed working with her. Anytime you ask her to do anything or if she asks them to do anything, they try their best to do it. So she thanks them and come out to their meeting. They only meet, well they're going to start back meeting in April, they kind of shut down in the winter months. Like she said, they're getting older and they have to take care of themselves because nobody else does, Bowman said. Ms. Johnson said she's learned a lot, too, by just going around and listening to folks like Joan who have been doing it. Like she said, she's been in the business from the get go. Councilwoman Fouce told Ms. Bowman, they want to thank her personally for her 20 years of serving this community, that she is still here, still have youthful vigor. They love her and they appreciate her. Thank you so much. Councilman Mike Cline said it's been a lot more than 20 years because he remembers the PAIN marches. But he's thanking her for those too. Council President Deb Cain said, okay, thank you Ms. Johnson and presidents for coming and she is going to invite them to stay for any Council members that would like to come and speak to them personally, if they wish to do so. And before she takes a motion to adjourn, she had asked Ms. Fouce to do a presentation but because the presidents are here, getting ready to talk to them, then they will just have that at their next meeting. Thank you Ms. Fouce for agreeing to that and understanding that. Cain then said she will take a motion to adjourn.

Being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Cline, 2nd by Luzadder, the meeting adjourned. Time being 7:46 p.m.